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Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims without prejudice or disclaimer by canceling claims 1-5 and amending claims 6, 7 and 11 as indicated in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition comprising: according to claim 1, wherein the

(i) a compound of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'nitro-4'methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2'-nitro-4'-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 4,4-dimethyl-2-(4-methanesulphonyl-2-nitrobenzoyl)-1,3-cyclohexanedione, 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-methanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione and 2-(2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-ethanesulphonylbenzoyl)-5-methyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione; and

(ii) an organic phosphate, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant at a concentration of less than 0.5% v/v when added to a spray tank as a tank mix additive or when co-formulated with a herbicide to produce a spray tank concentration of less than 0.5% v/v.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A herbicidal composition according to claim $\underline{6}$ 4, wherein the phosphate, phosphonate or phosphinate adjuvant is a compound of formula II

wherein R¹¹ is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_I-OR¹⁵ wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl, t is from 0 to 50 and R¹⁵ is hydrogen or an alkyl group containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; and R¹² and R¹³ are independently (i) an alkyl or alkenyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms; (ii) optionally substituted phenyl; (iii) an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or (iv) a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_I-OR¹⁵ as herein defined; or (v) a group of formula (III)

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} H_2 & \\ \hline \\ H_2 C & \\ \hline \\ R16 \end{array} \hspace{-0.5cm} R17 \hspace{1cm} \text{(III)}$$

wherein R¹⁶ is an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_r·OR¹⁵ as herein defined and R¹⁷ is an alkyl group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted phenyl, an alkoxy group containing from 4 to 20 carbon atoms or a group -[OCH₂CHR¹⁴]_r-OR¹⁵ as herein defined; and wherein t is from 0 to ten.

Claim 8 (Original) A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphate in which R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are all independently alkoxy groups.

Claim 9 (Original) A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphonate in which R¹¹ and R¹² are both independently alkoxy groups and R¹³ is an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim 10 (Original) A herbicidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (II) is a phosphinate in which R¹¹ is an alkoxy group and R¹² and R¹³ are both independently an alkyl, alkenyl or optionally substituted phenyl group.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) A process for the control of weeds, said process comprising applying to the locus of the weeds a herbicidally effective amount of a composition as claimed in claim § 4.